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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

SUBJECT:

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Achievements 1986, Annual Report on the Federal

Incentive Awards Program

I am very pleased to forward a copy of the annual report on the Federal Incentive Awards Program, Achievements 1986. The efforts of your employees and employees of other Federal organizations produced exceptional results during Fiscal Year 1986.

For the sixth consecutive year, Federal employee accomplishments, in the form of suggestions, inventions and performance related achievements, produced benefits in excess of In addition to these measurable savings, many \$1 billion. of these contributions provided intangible benefits which are equally important to the American people in such areas as health, education, national defense, agriculture, and environmental quality.

Achievements 1986 provides a record of these outstanding results and highlights only a few of the many outstanding contributions which were recognized during the year. believe these results clearly demonstrate the willingness of Federal employees to contribute to the productivity improvement objectives of the Federal Government. Additionally, the results demonstrate the value of incentives in helping to achieve and even exceed individual and organizational goals.

OPM has taken a number of initiatives to improve the overall effectiveness of the Government-wide awards program, with particular emphasis being placed on employee suggestion systems. Specifically, program performance indicator reports were furnished to agencies for their use in program evaluation and planning; technical assistance was offered to agencies with poor suggestion program results; and a model awards plan and comprehensive reference are being prepared as guidance, especially for smaller Federal organizations.

I strongly urge that this report be used to evaluate the effectiveness of your agency's awards program and to plan for improved results. Further, in reviewing your agency's goals and objectives, I would encourage you to consider the use of awards as a vehicle for helping to achieve these OPM staff will be pleased to work with your person nel in designing and implementing incentive programs.

Attachment

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